representations from the Indian Newspaper Society (INS) from time to time highlighting certain issues of concern to the newspapers industry and the demands raised by the INS have been examined in the Ministry on merti.

Pension scheme for Journalists

1951. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to implement a pension scheme for the working Journalists and Media Persons;

(b) the reaction of Government thereto;

(c) whether Government have formulated any scheme for the implementation of pension scheme; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) to (d) The Employees' Pension Scheme 1995 under the Employees' Provident Funds and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952 already provides for pension to journalists in newspaper establishments covered under the Act.

Upgradation of AIR Centres In Uttaranchal

†1952. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to upgrade some All India Radio Centres in Uttaranchal; and

(b) if so, the details thereof;

THE MINISTER OF STATE OFTHE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. In order to upgrade MW/FM coverage in Uttaranchal, the following projects of AIR have been proposed during 10th Plan:—

(i) Dharchula (1KWMW), (ii) Dehradun (10 KW FM), (iii) Haldwani/ Kaladungi (10 KW FM), (iv) Bhatwari (5 KW FM), (v) Bhageshwar (5 KW

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.